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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: all.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Several issues raised on Non-Final rejection of February 3, 2006 are discussed, particularly on two 102 rejections and one 103 rejection of parent Claim 1 regarding a blend of two polymers. In order to possibly overcome the prior art of Uemae, Adachi and Labana in combination or alone, the Applicants propose to amend parent Claim 1 by further limiting the resin having a Tg of 0-40 °C to carry crosslinkable reactive groups. An unexpected result will be presented in the amendment. The Applicants also point out two things as: (A) the resins used by Uemae and Adachi are broader and may not have a specific Tg range at 0-40 °C, and (B) all the second resins by Uemae and Labana would not carry crosslinkable group since they are useful as a charge-controlling agent, a film smoothness improver or a flow -controlling agent. Finally, the Examiner points out a new search will be needed so as to check such a new polymer blending.

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